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Can I take this off my plate. Did Theresa assign some one to review the NAU report?

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Casey, I just spoke with Dana about this (I am the former GSENM Science Program Admin who was PO for this agreement). I had called Adrienne and Dana asking about reviewing the draft (who would take the lead? who from GSENM would participate? and offering my help). Dana said she'd check on who might be the right person fro GSENM (maybe Sean or Allan?). If you are taking the lead on the review, I am happy to provide comments, join a call, or whatever else might help--just let me know. Thanks, Kevin

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*Rapid Ecoregional Assessments (REAs) are part of BLM's Landscape Approach. REAs examine ecological values, conditions, and trends within ecoregions to improve understanding of existing landscapes and likely effects of climate change and other wide spread changes in the biophysical environment and land uses.*

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On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 10:51 AM, Pilmanis, Adrienne <[apilmani@blm.gov](mailto:apilmani@blm.gov)> wrote:

Thanks for the correction, Dana! I really appreciate it.

Casey - I'll forward you Brett's email.

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On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 10:49 AM, Backer, Dana <[dbacker@blm.gov](mailto:dbacker@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi Adrienne,  
No I am not a PO.

In an email dated May 3, you turned the PO responsibilities over to Casey Abby.

I'd be happy to review but I am just now getting familiar with some of these data sets and do not about the sample design. I will have to defer to Kevin and Casey.

Thanks

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On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 9:06 AM, Pilmanis, Adrienne <[apilmani@blm.gov](mailto:apilmani@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi Dana -

Are you certified as PO now? Or still just as a Technical contact for this agreement?

I spoke with Kevin who would like to be involved in the review of this report and answering the PI's questions.  
I am in a bit of a time crunch now working to finish many many tasks for my program before I am on leave all of July.

I'll look forward to your good news, I hope!

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Hi Adrienne and Kevin,

Our apologies for the delayed delivery of this final report (on the original, ‘phase I’ of the work). You may know Valerie went to work for the USFS last year and Luke has moved to half time at NAU, so I’ve been short staffed for a while. Nevertheless, we’ve pulled together the attached, draft final report for your review. We look forward to your comments and discussing when convenient.

Considering the data and results in this report, one (as-yet informal) take-home we’d like to discuss entails the idea that all information is good information as long as it is modeled appropriately. If these data did not arise from a probabilistic sampling design, or are otherwise not highly informative, then it may not be worth the expense to digitize these data (or implement in the context of a statistical model). As such, your final judgement and knowledge about the available resources, such as funding, interns, etc., will be critical as we consider moving this particular effort any further forward.

Also, all of the code used for the representation analyses and the matching is available via Bitbucket: <https://bitbucket.org/lzachmann/gsenm>. We can invite collaborators upon request.

In light of the delays in reporting the attached work to you, we still would be excited by the opportunity to advance the outcomes and discuss future possibilities when convenient. Thanks for your patience.

Best,

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